

Utah's Economic and Demographic Trends Affecting Legislative Decision-Making

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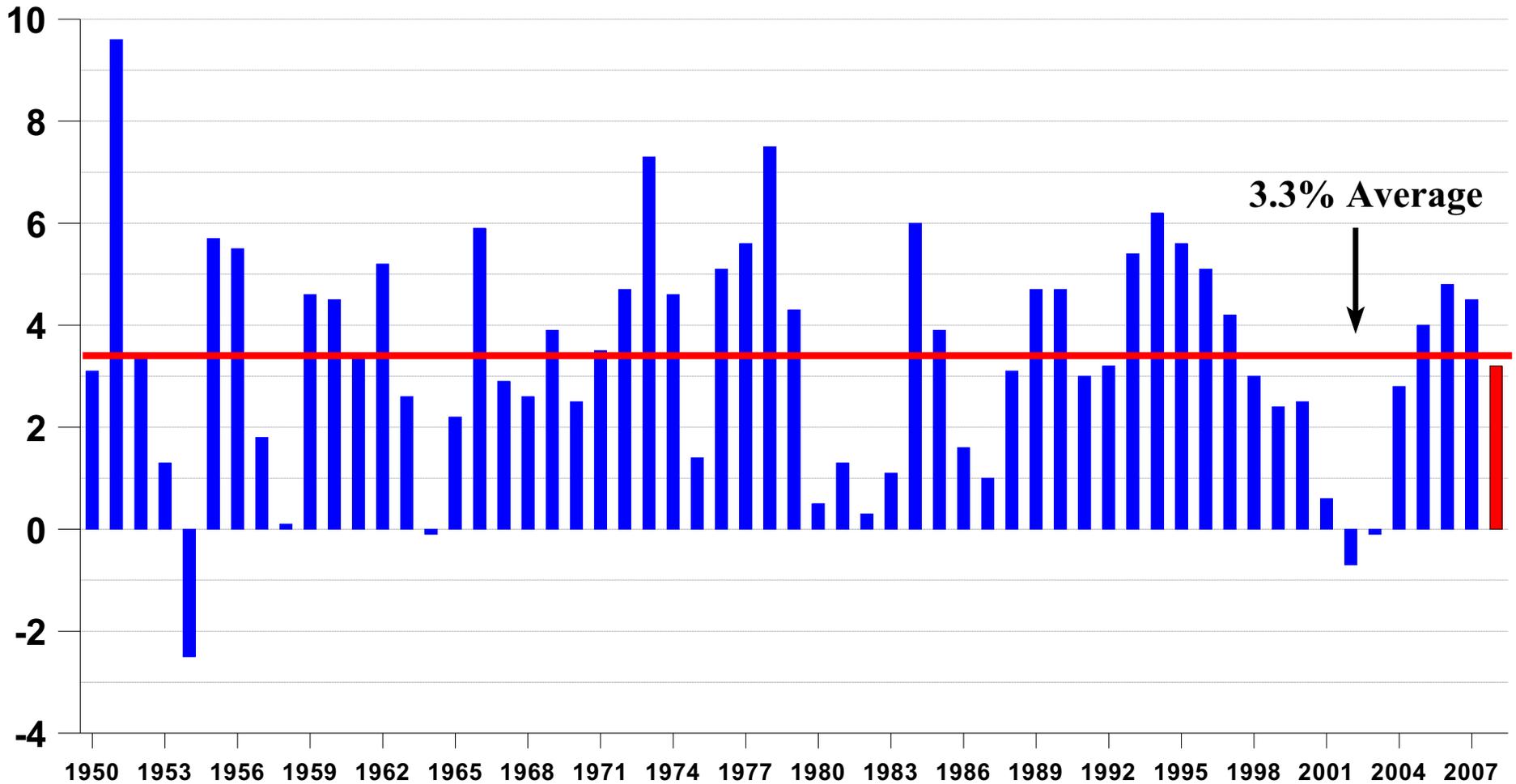


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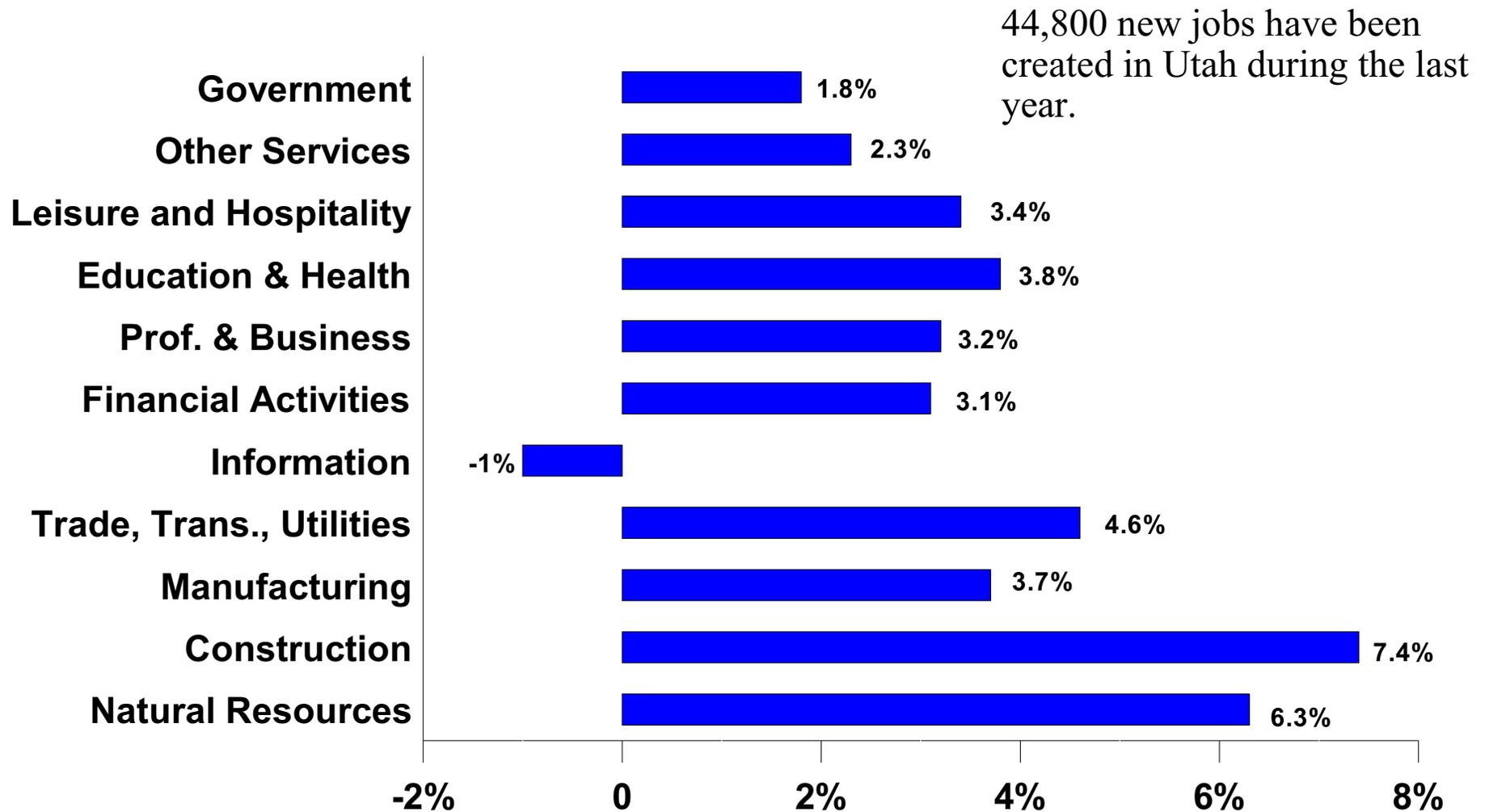
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Utah's Economic Picture

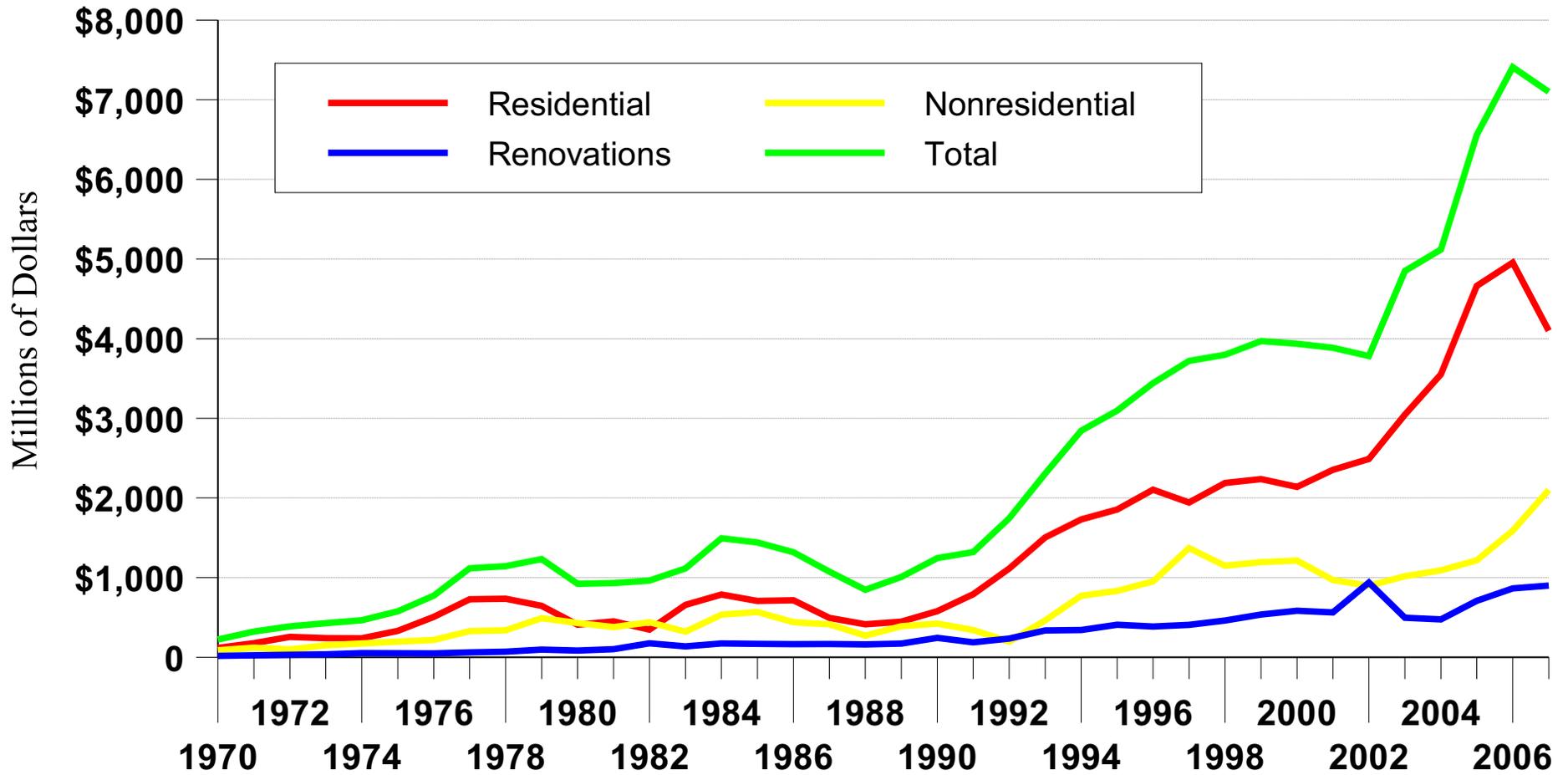
Utah Nonagricultural Employment Annual Percent Change Over Prior Year, 1950 - 2008



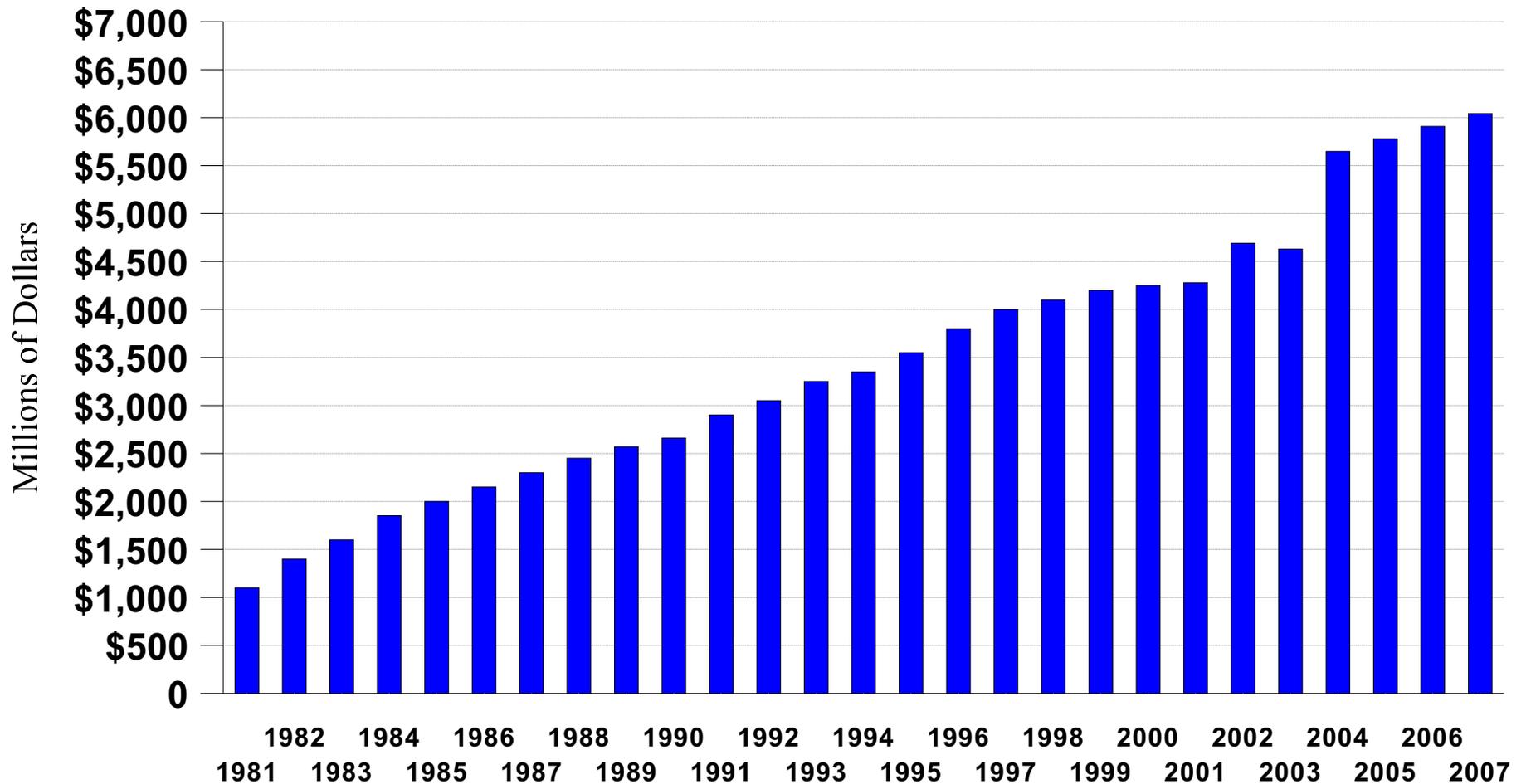
Percent Change in New Jobs, By Sector December 2007 - 2006



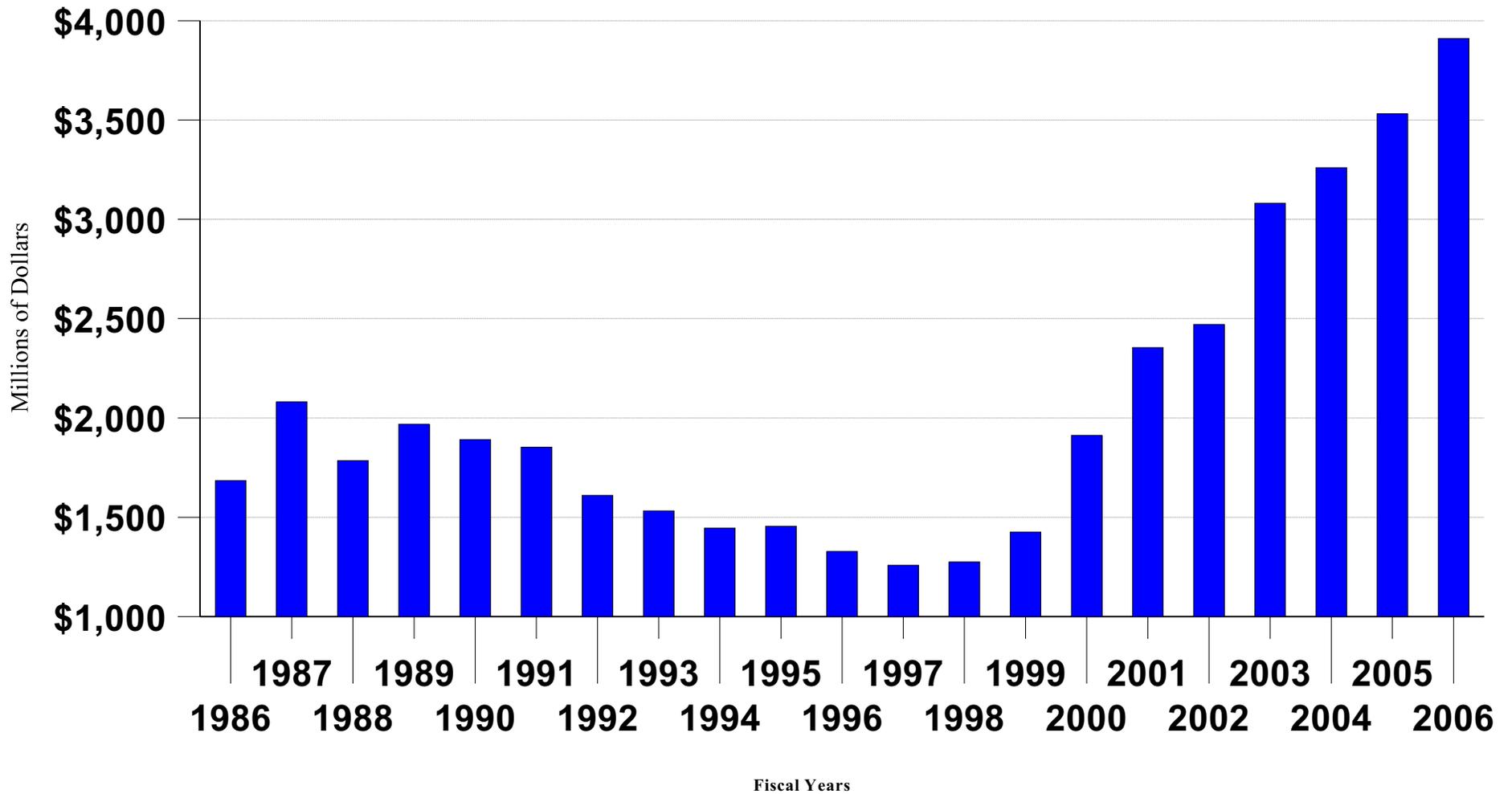
Value of New Construction Utah, 1970 - 2007



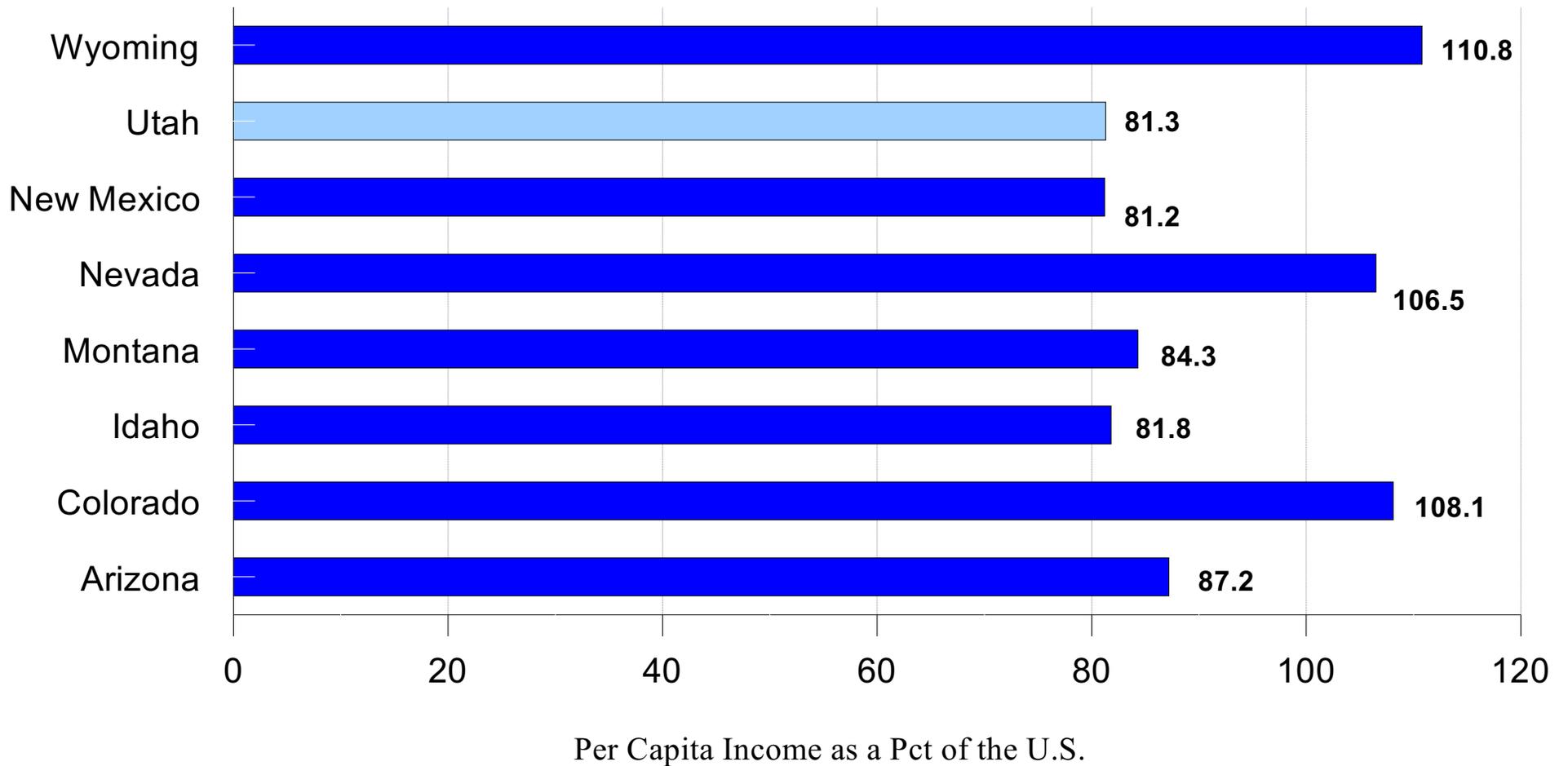
Tourism Spending Utah, 1981 to 2007



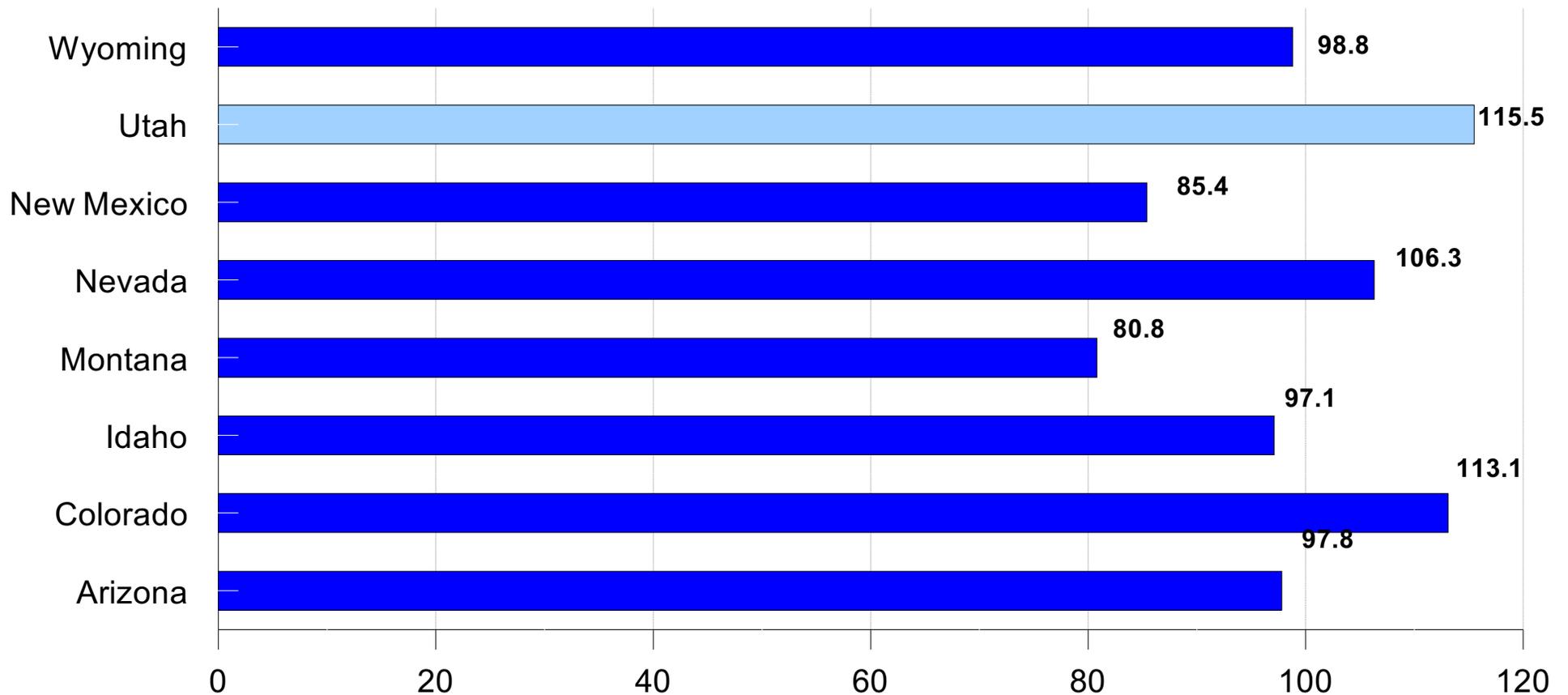
Federal Defense Related Spending Utah, 1986 to 2007



Per Capita Income as a Percent of the U.S. Utah and Mountain States: 2006

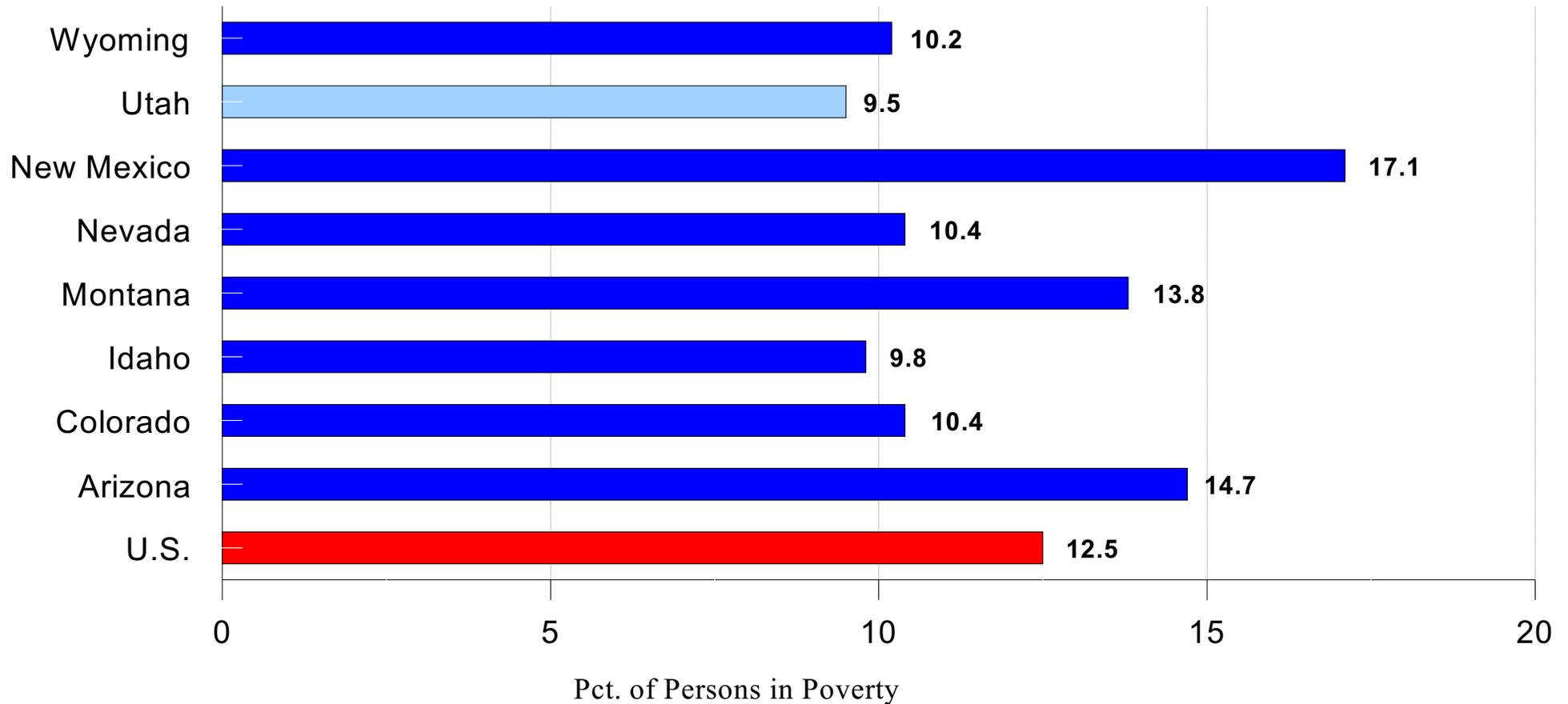


Median Household Income as a Percent of U.S. Utah and Mountain States: Three Year Avg. 2004-06



Percent of Persons in Poverty

Utah, U.S., and Mountain States: Three Year Avg. 2004 - 06

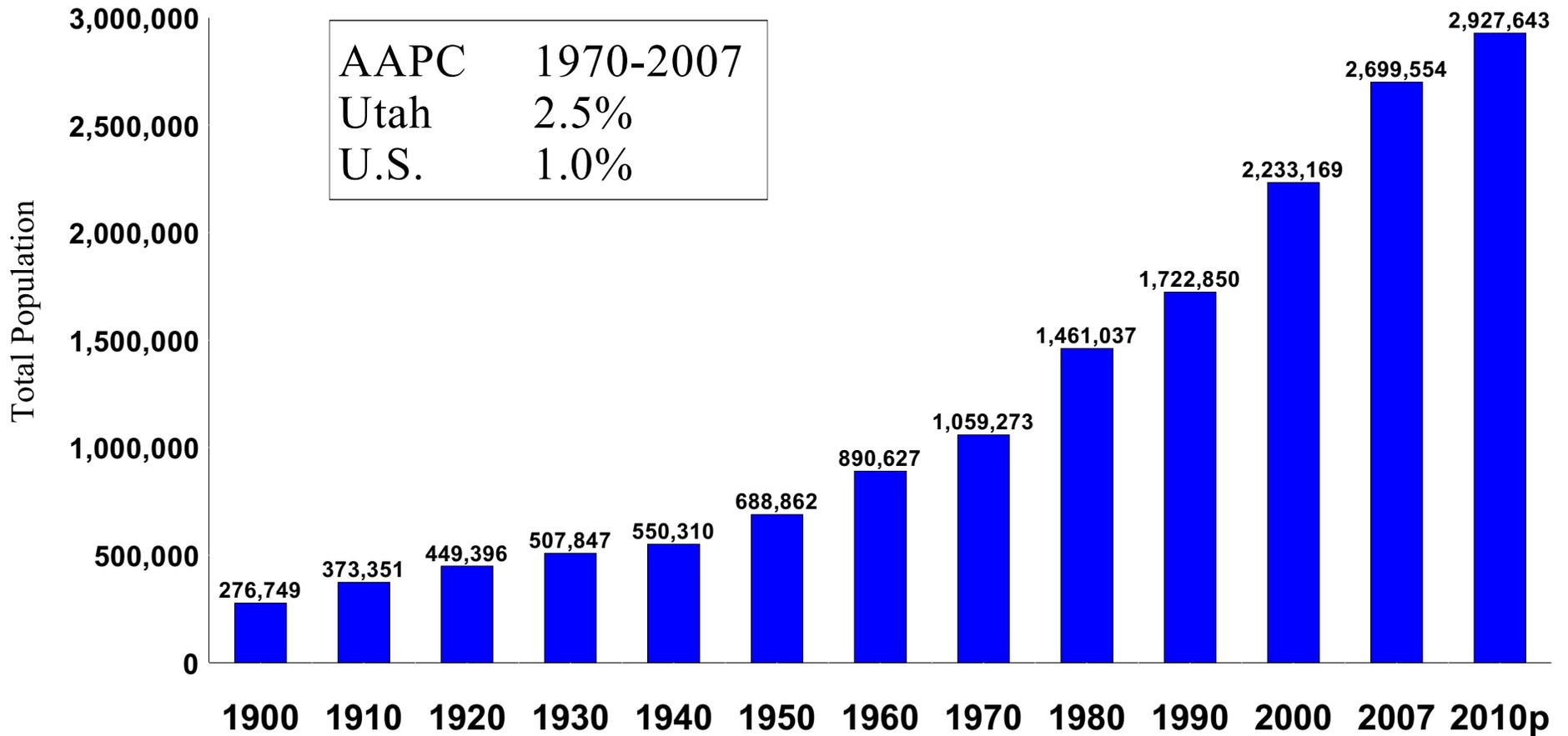


Key Points

- Utah's economy is strong and growing.
- Utah's economy is diversified.
- Utah's growing workforce makes the state attractive to employers.

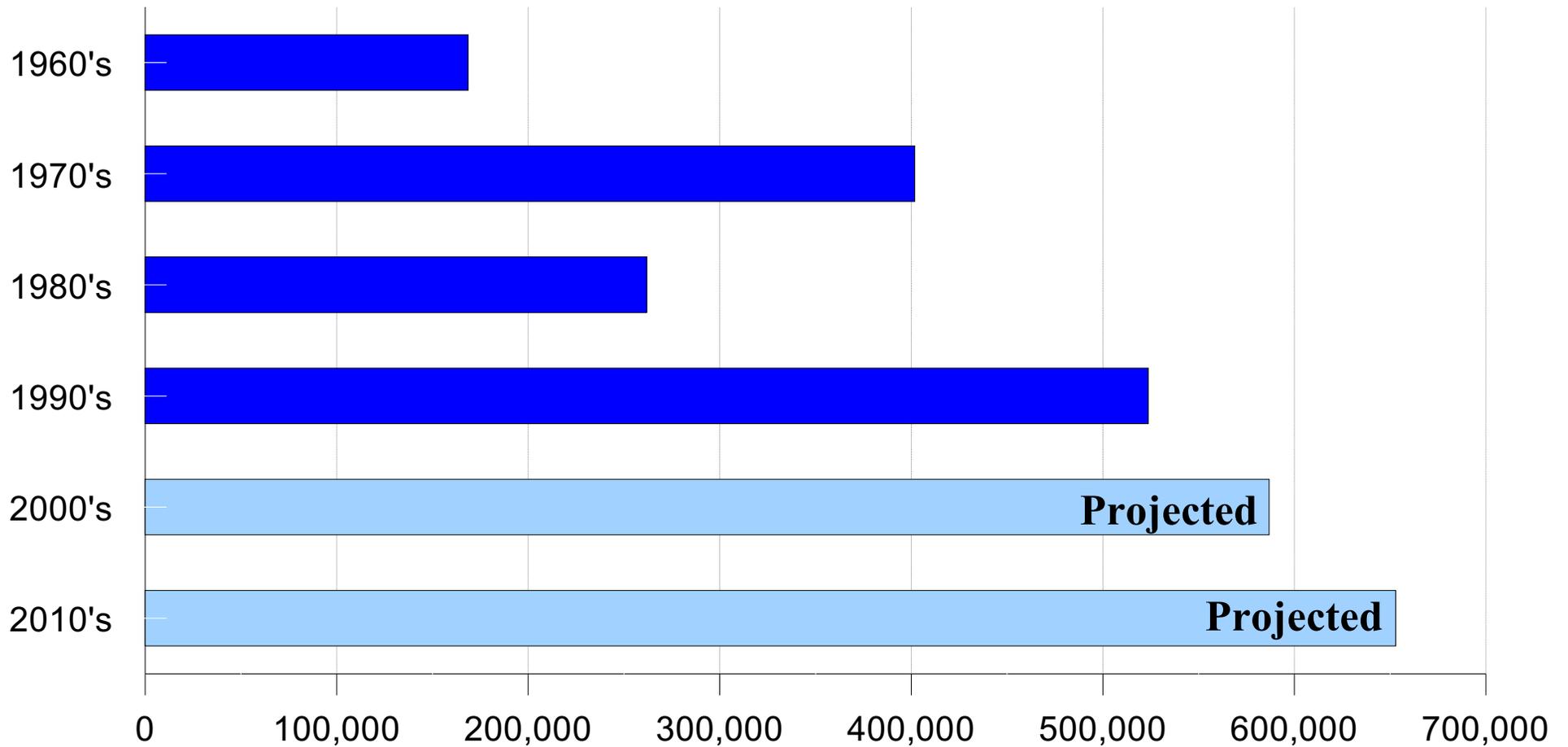
Utah's Population and Demographic Trends

State of Utah Total Population 1900 to 2007 and Projected 2010

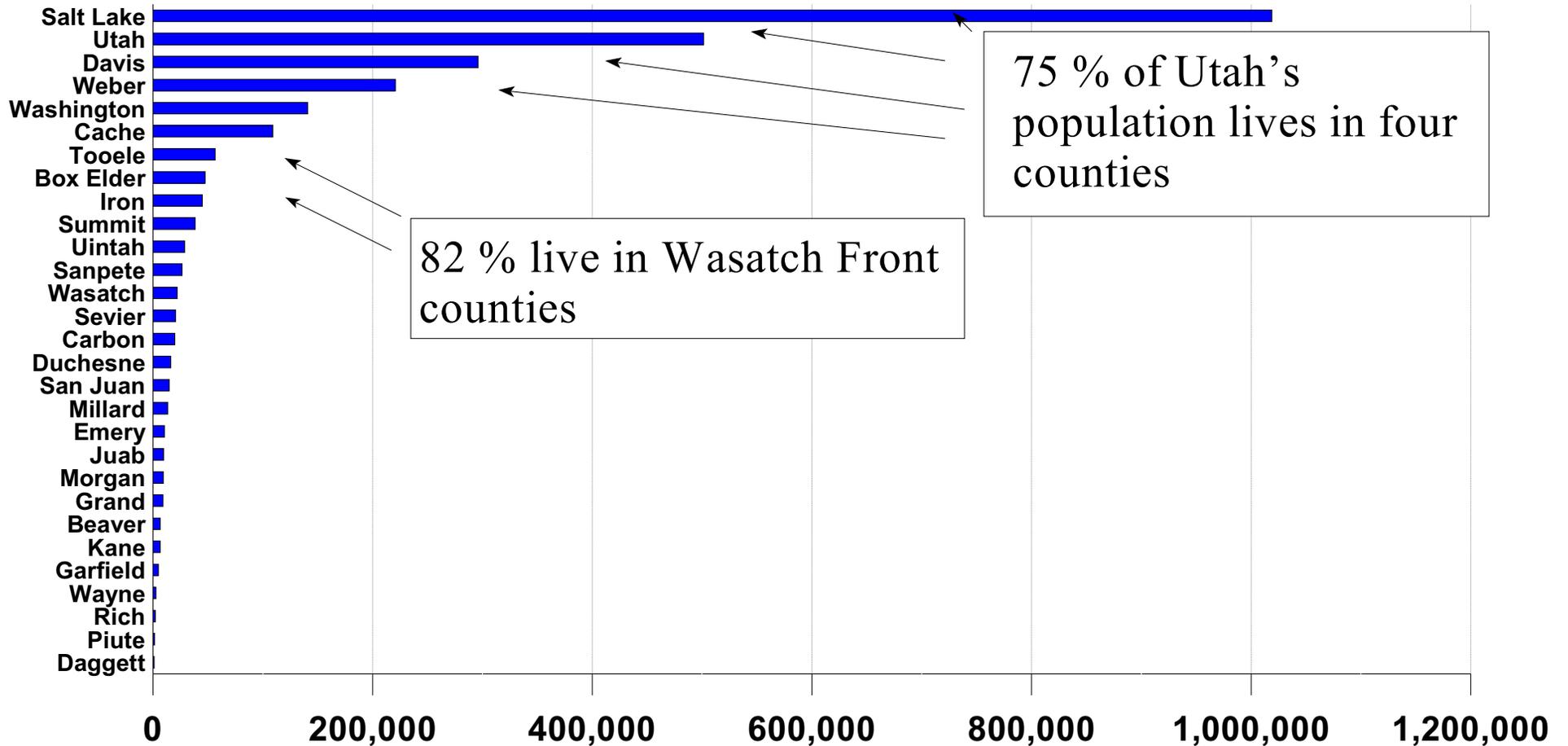


Utah's Population Increase by Decade

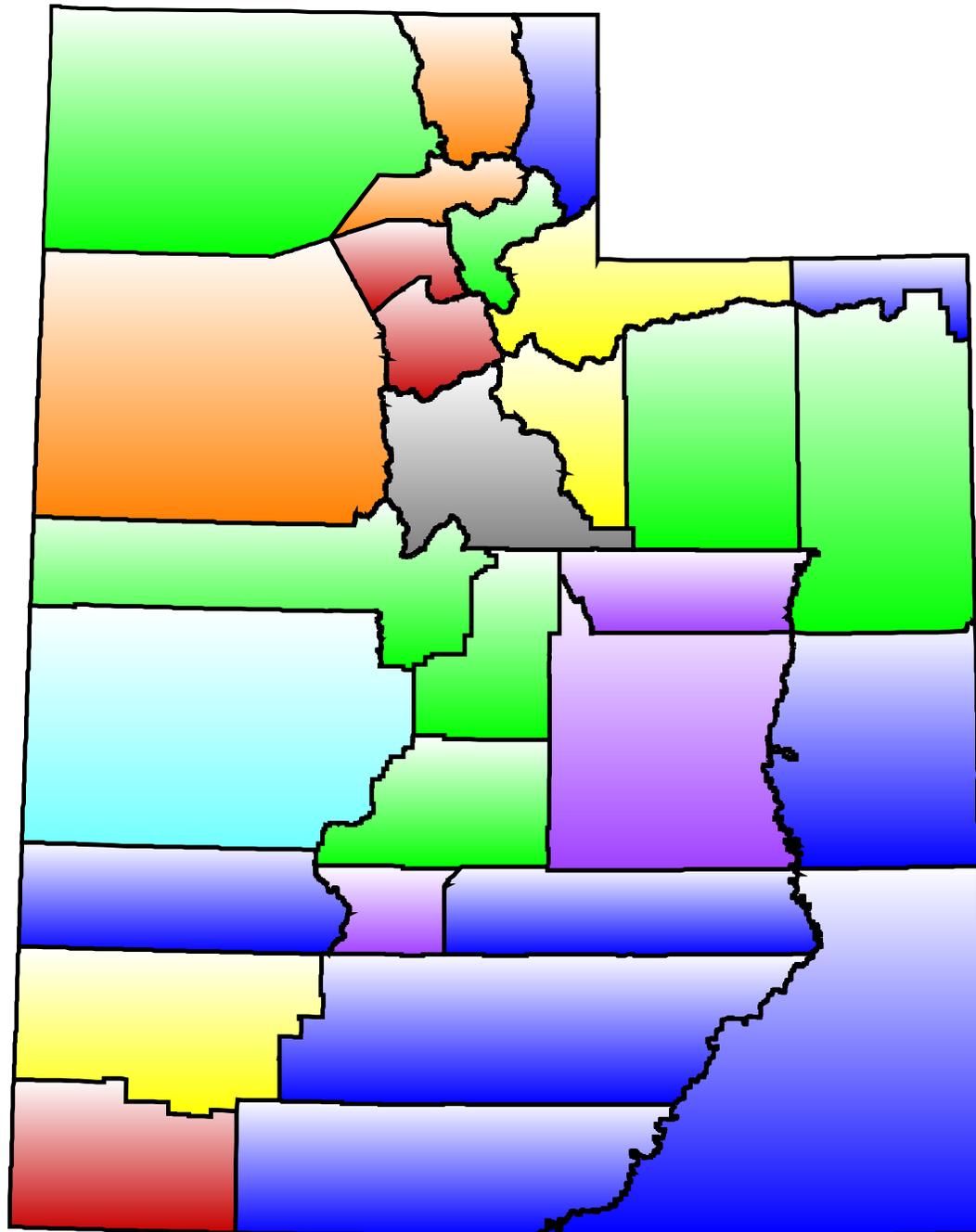
1960 - 2020



County Population -- Utah, 2007

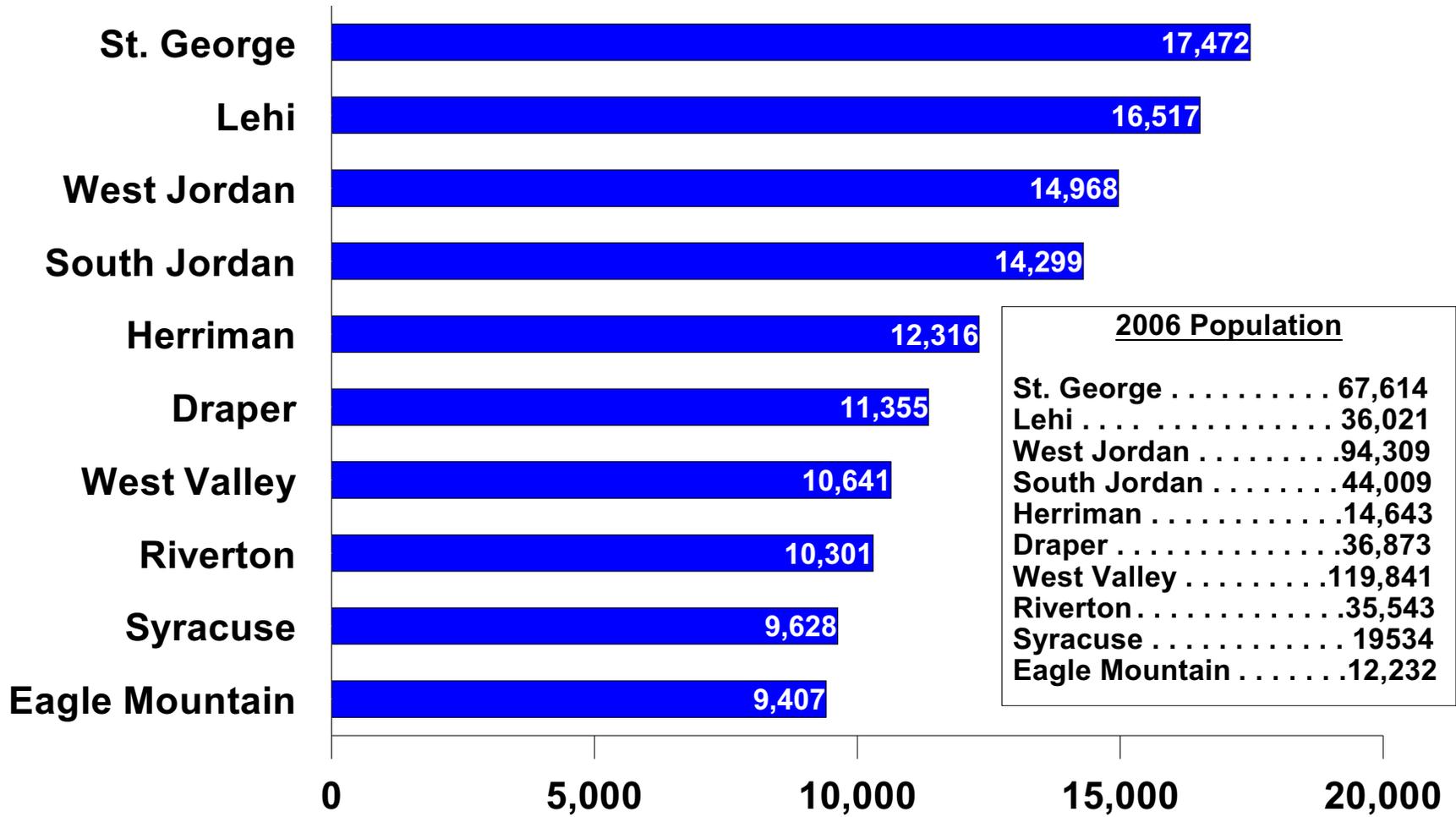


Change in County Population 1990-2007

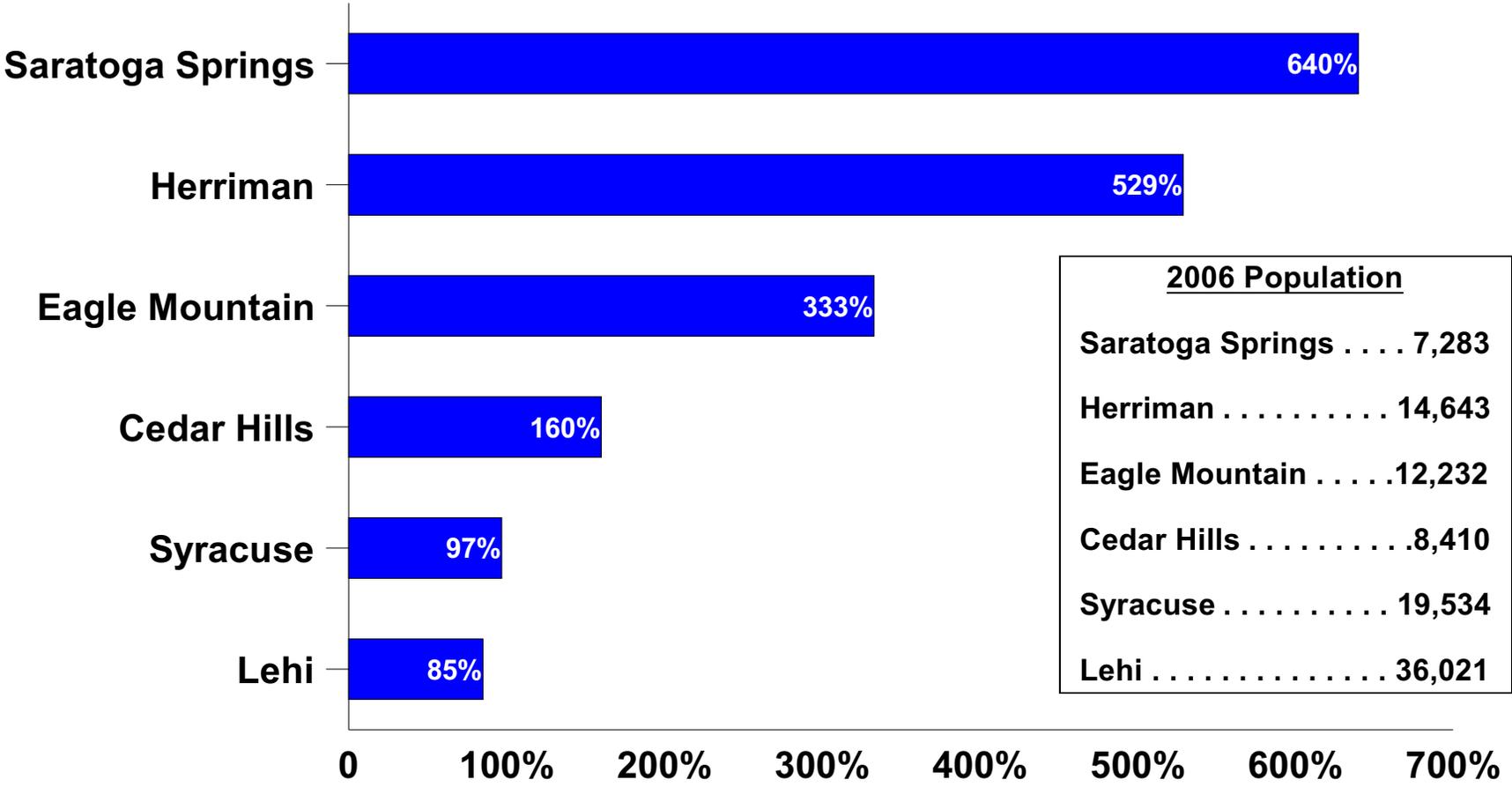


- More than 100,000
- 25,000 to 99,999
- 10,000 to 24,999
- 5,000 to 9,999
- 1,000 to 4,999
- 500 to 999
- 1 to 499
- 0 to -900

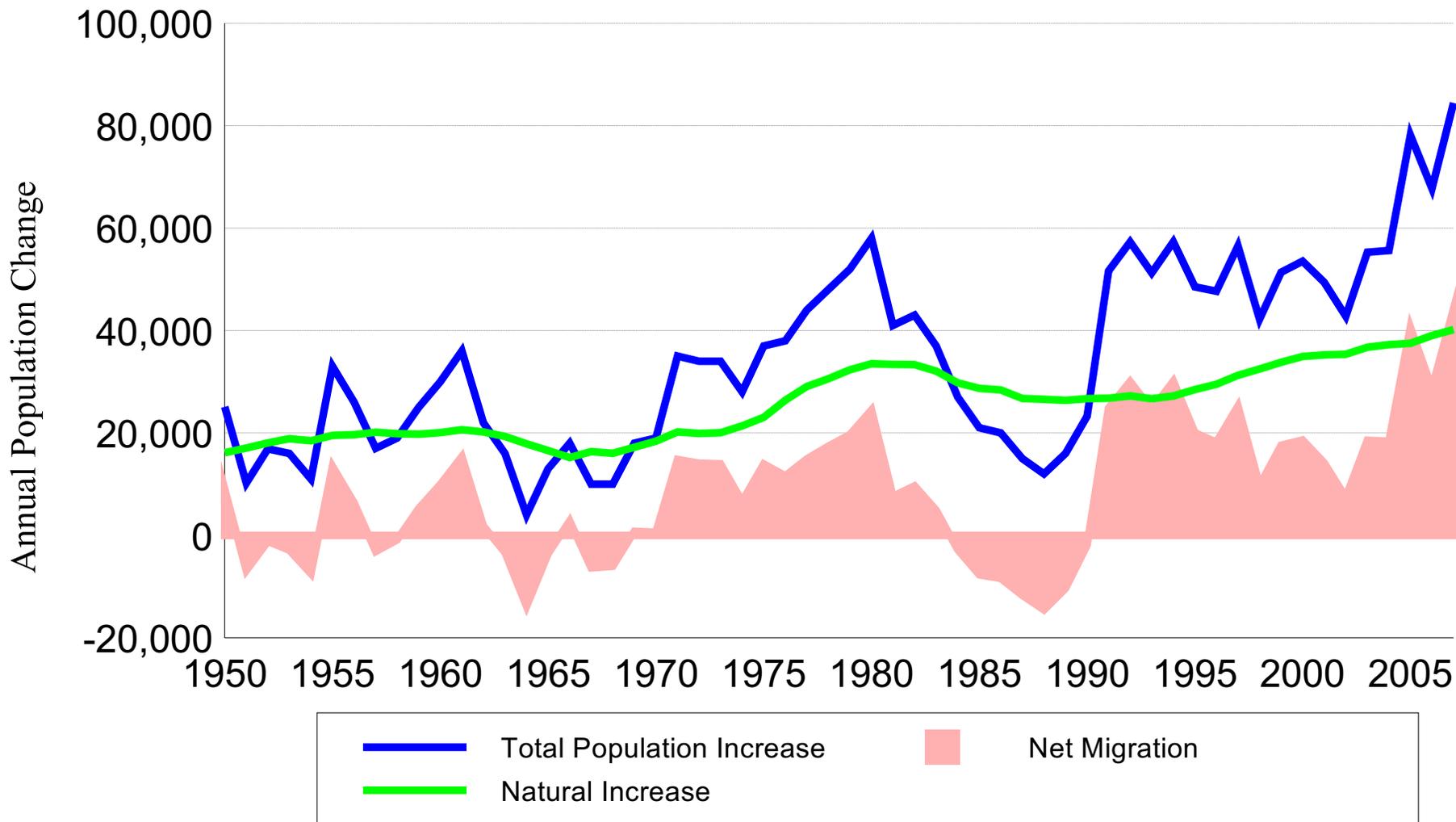
Utah's Fastest Growing Cities 2000 to 2006 - Number Increase



Utah's Fastest Growing Cities 2000 to 2006 - Percent Increase



Utah Components of Population Change 1950 to 2007

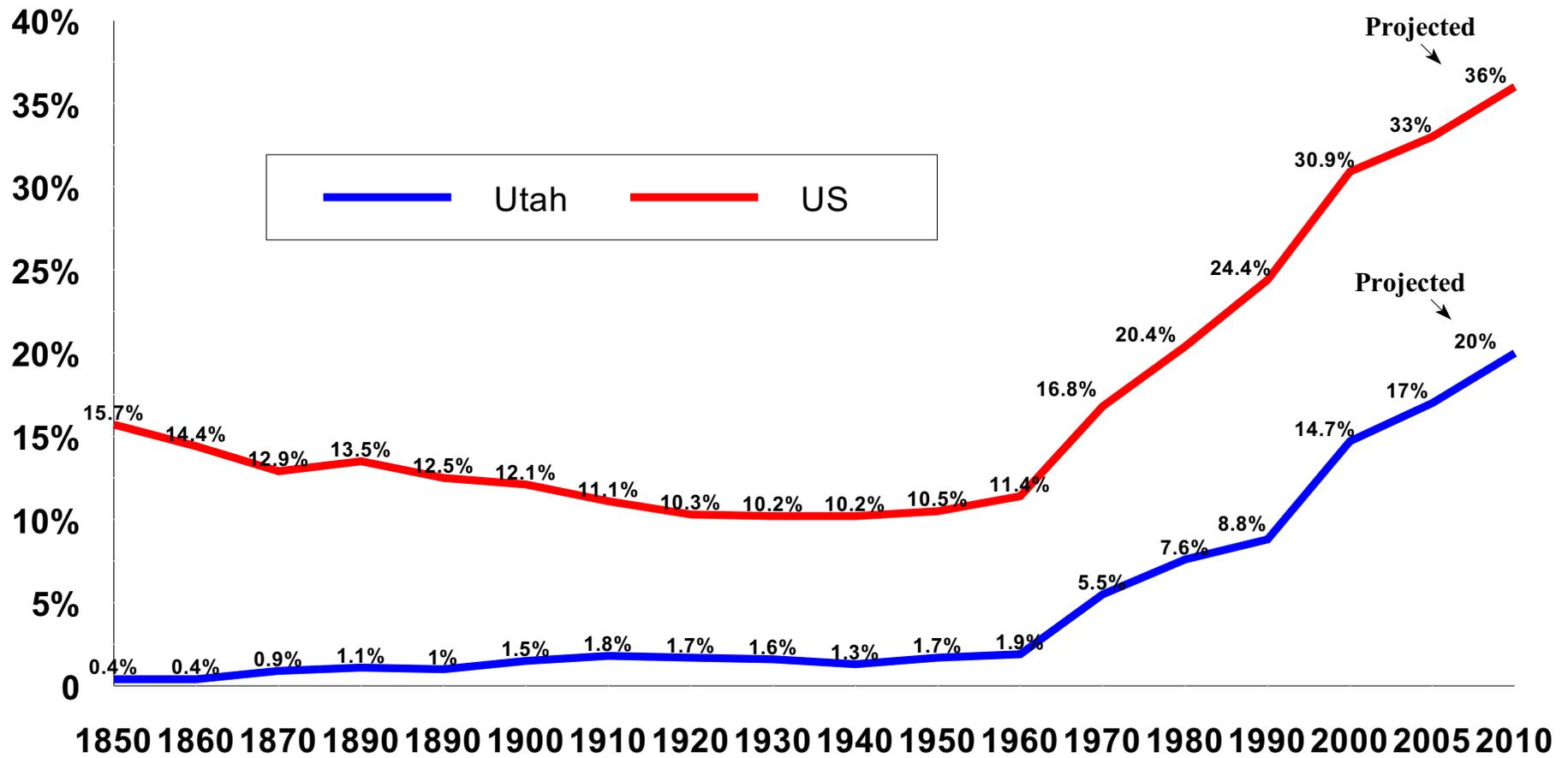


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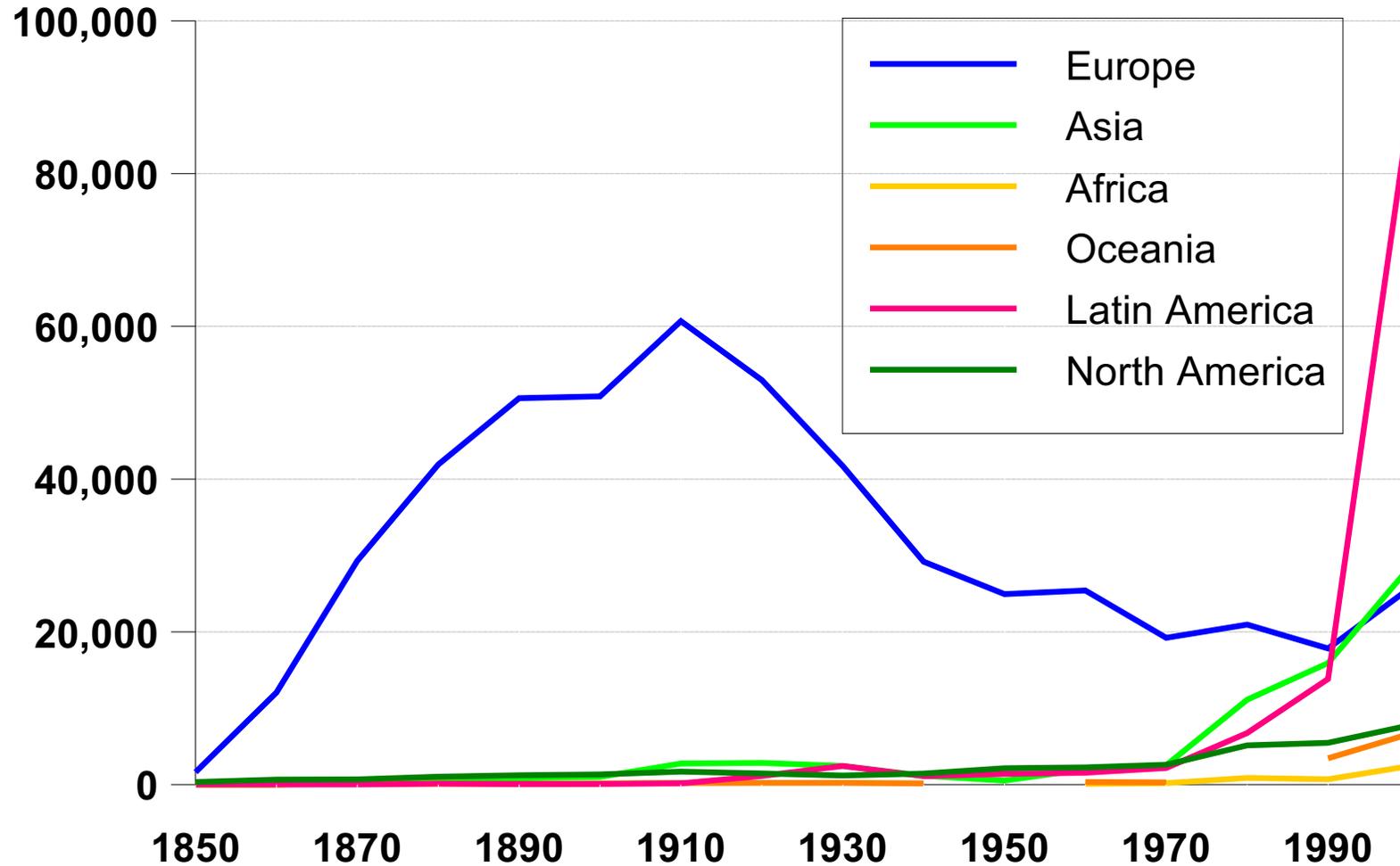
- Utah's population is one of the fastest growing in the nation.
- Utah's population is projected to increase by approximately:
 - ▶ 587,000 this decade
 - ▶ 653,000 next decade
- 90% of this population growth is occurring along the Wasatch Front and in Washington and Cache counties.

Utah's Increasing Minority Population

Minority Population: Utah and the U.S. 1850 to 2000, Projected to 2010

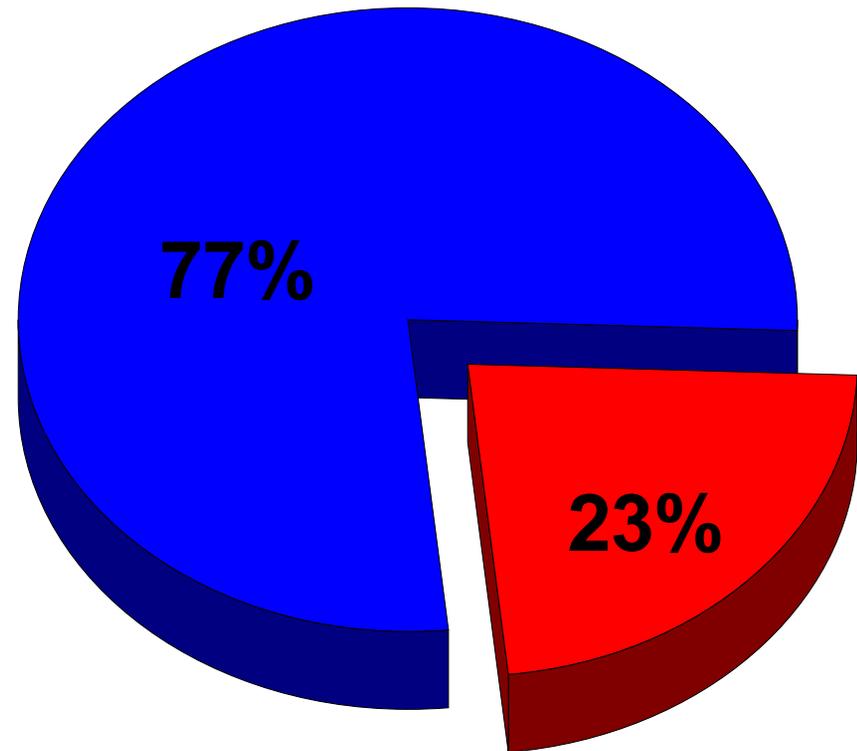


Foreign-Born Population: Utah In-migration by Region



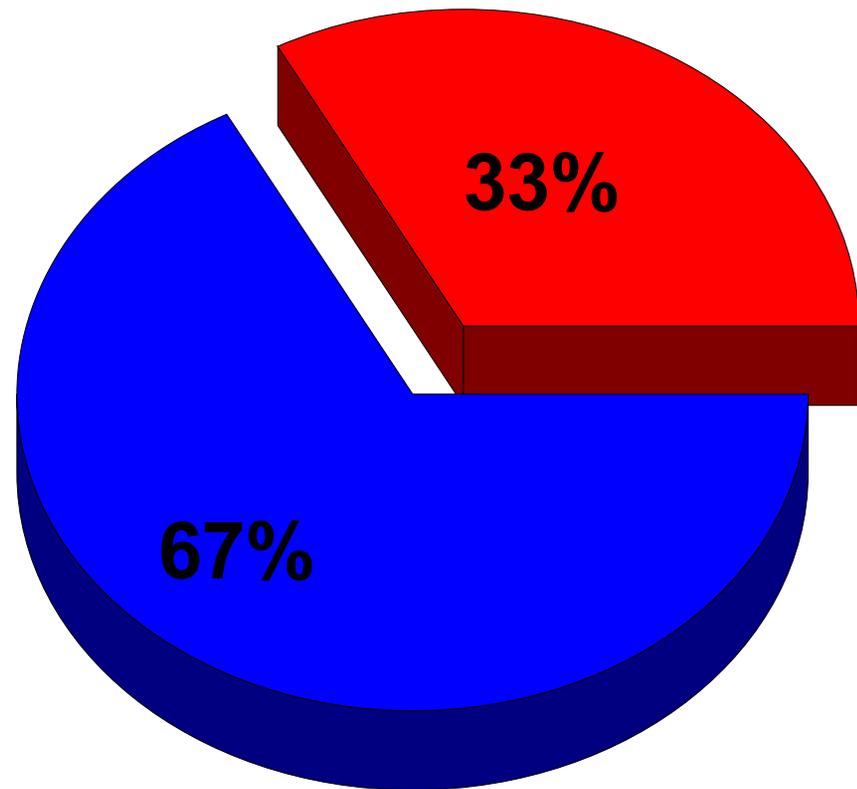
Hispanic Population Growth - 1990s

Just less than one-fourth of the half million increase in the Utah population in the 1990s was Hispanic.



Hispanic Population Growth - Since 2000

Hispanics represent over a third of new Utah residents since 2000.

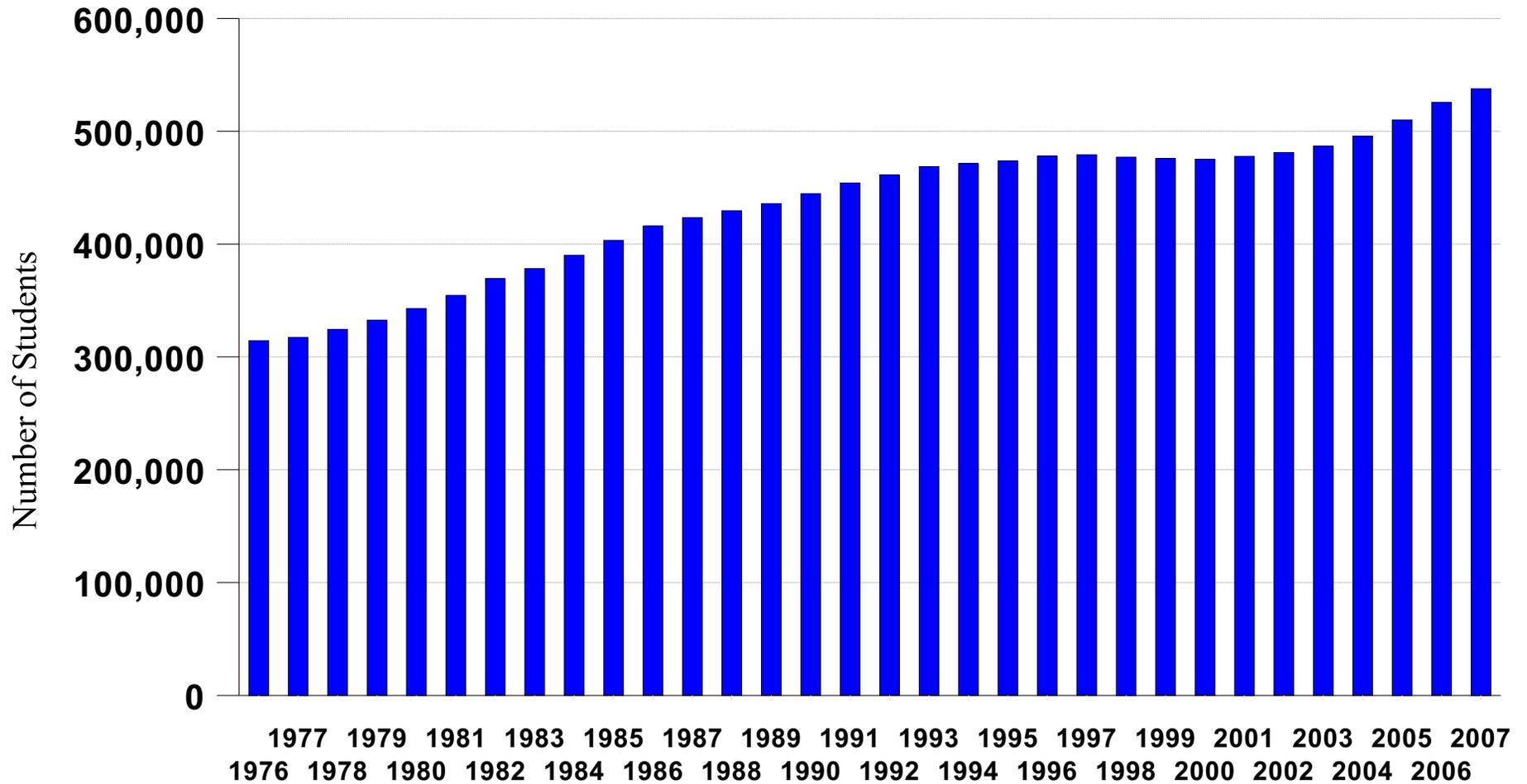


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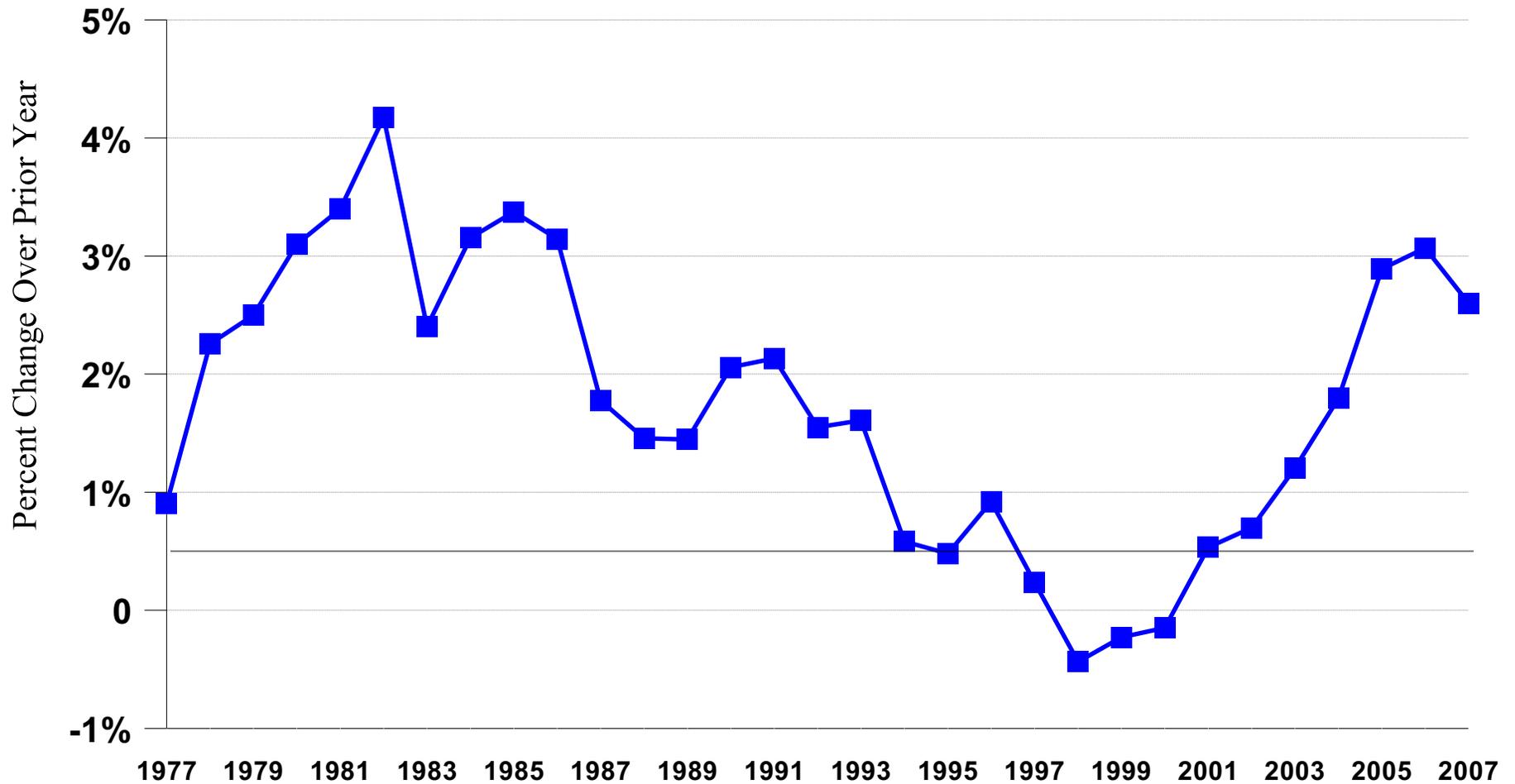
- Utah's population is becoming significantly more diverse:
 - ▶ In 1990s, Hispanics accounted for 23% of Utah's population increase.
 - ▶ Since 2000, Hispanics have accounted for 33% of Utah's population increase.

School Population Growth

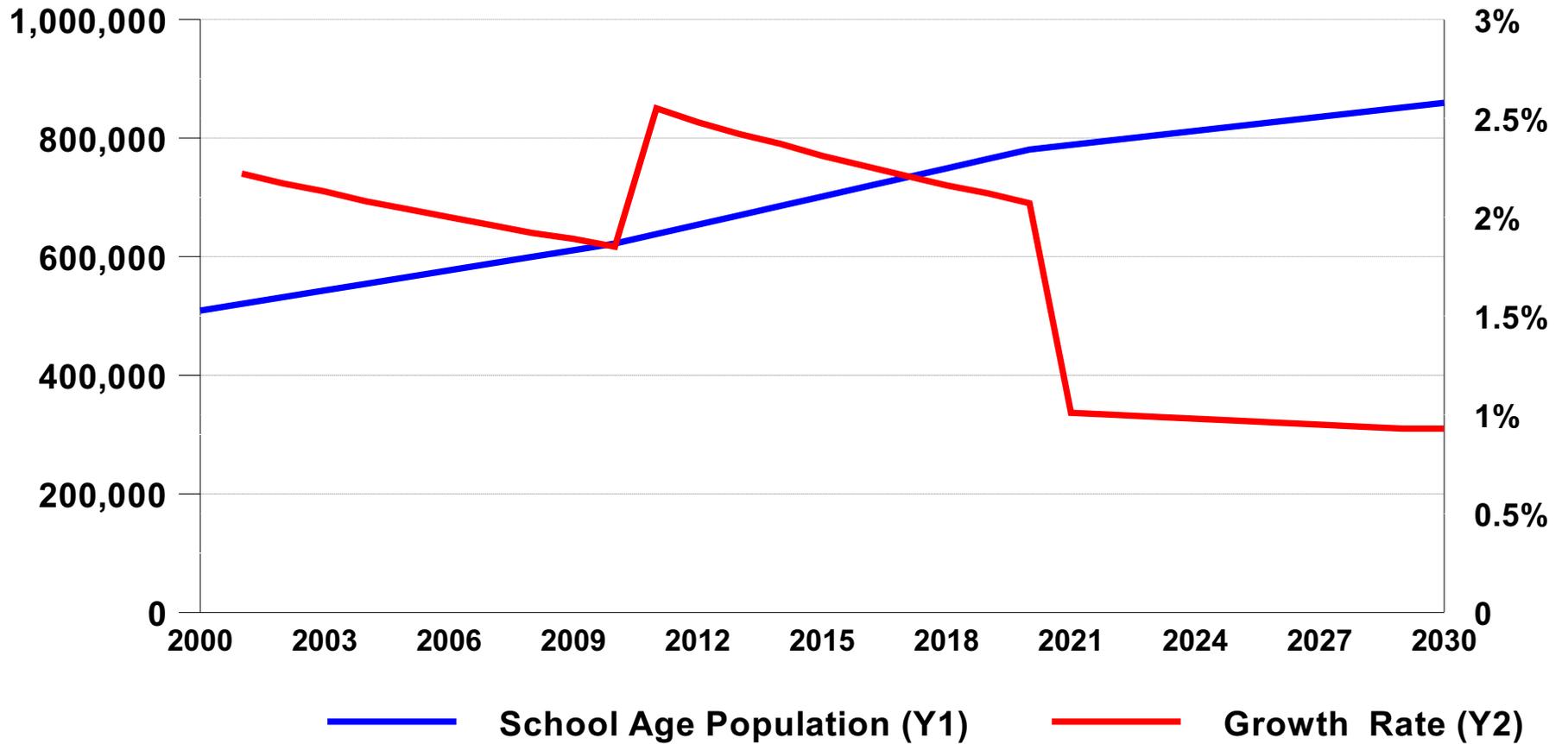
Utah Public School Enrollment - 1976 to 2007



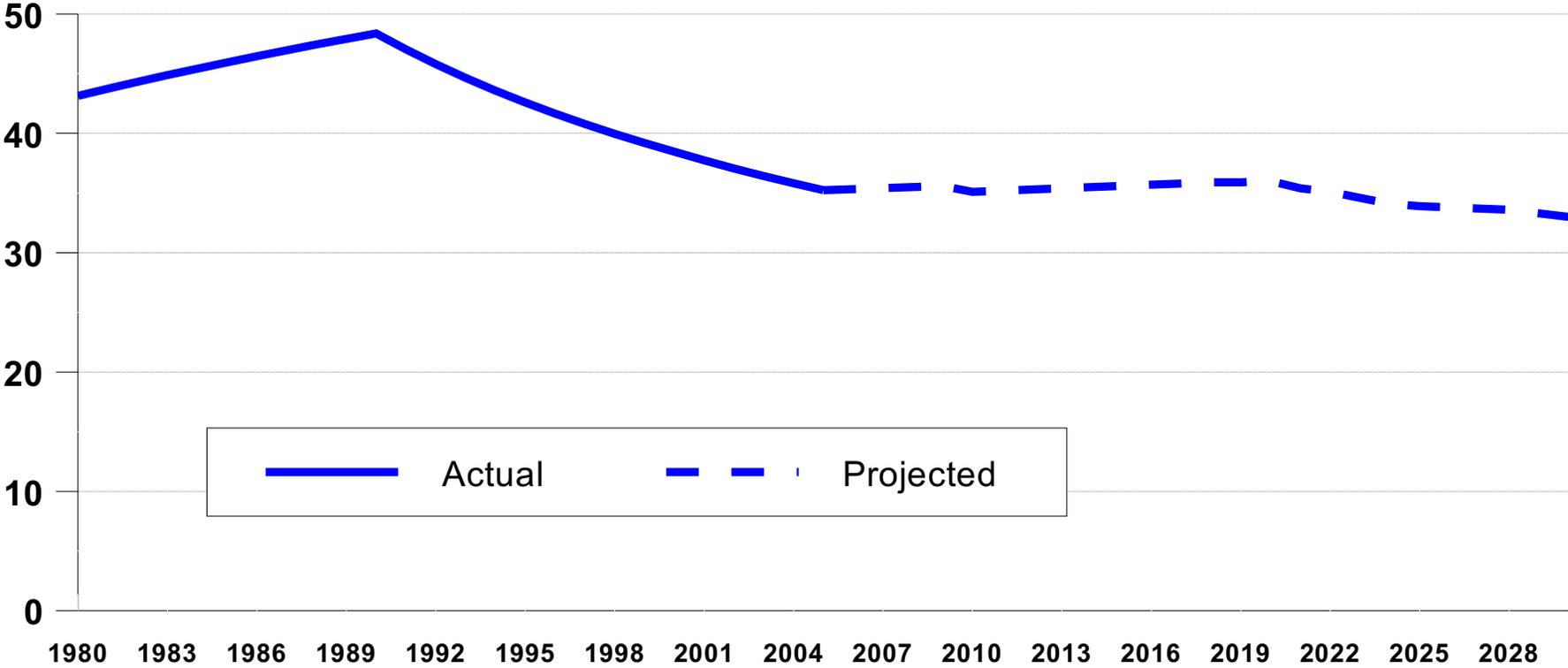
Utah Public School Enrollment Annual Percent Change - 1976 to 2007



Projected Growth of School Age Population - 2000 to 2030



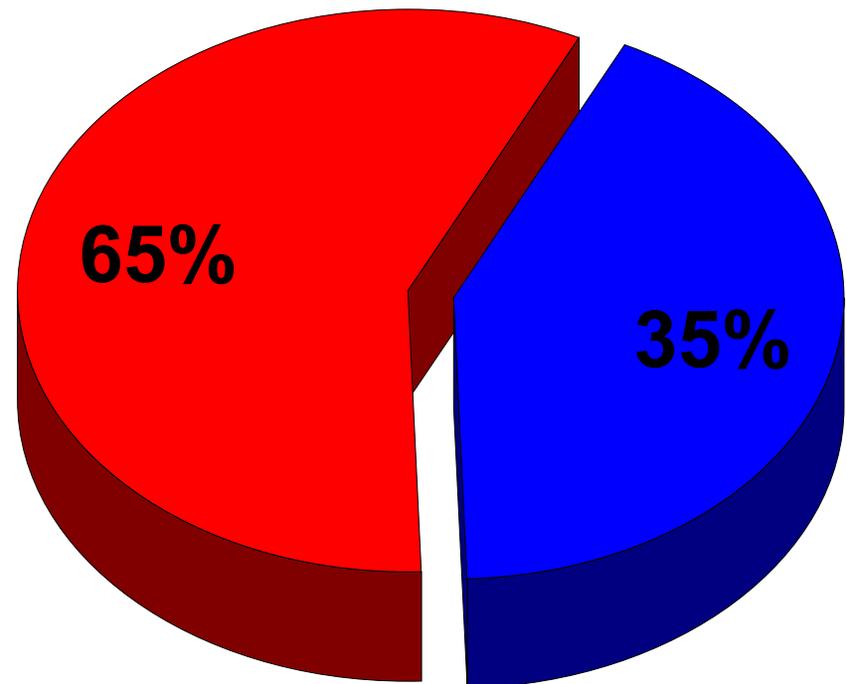
Number of School Age Children Per 100 Working Age Adults: Actual and Projected Utah, 1980 to 2030



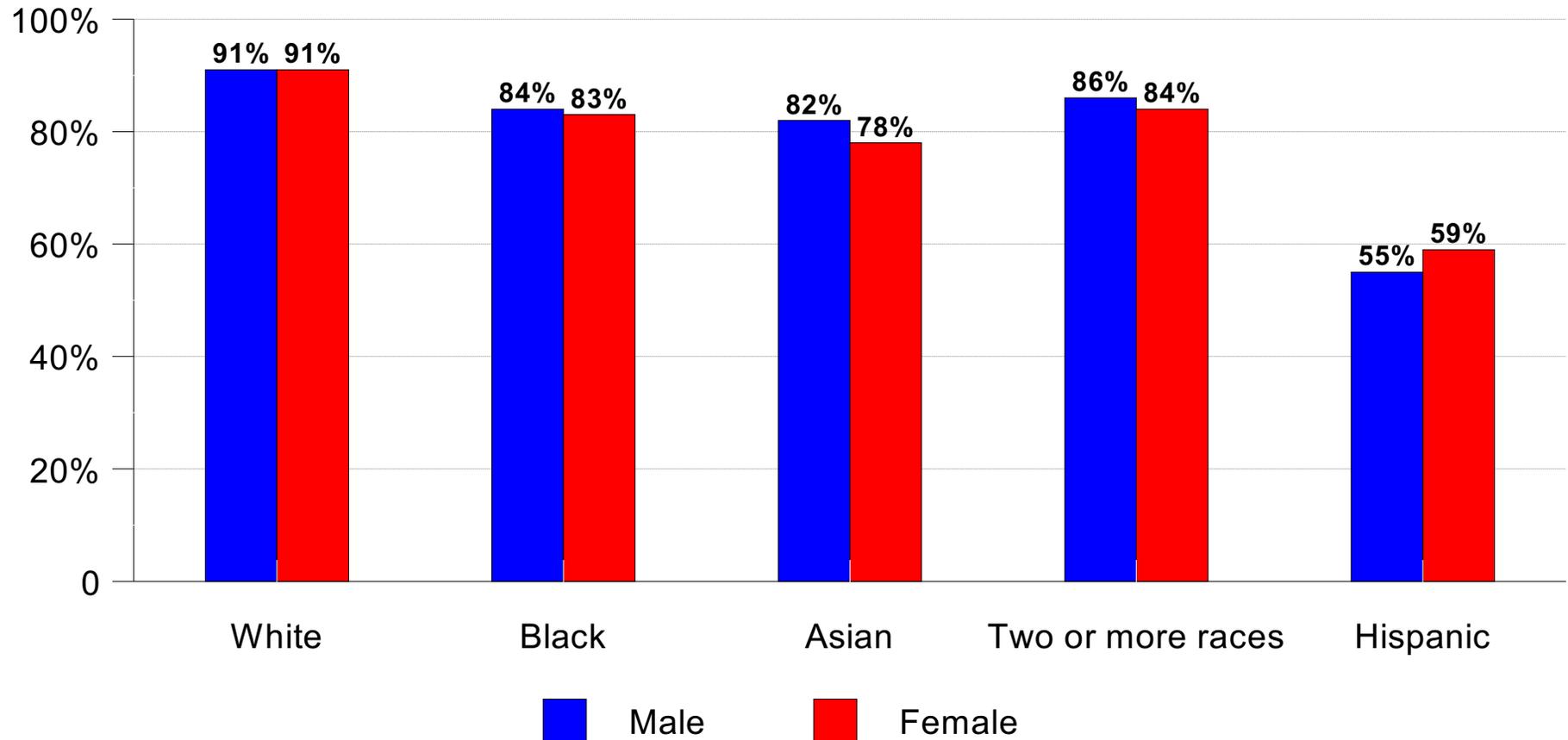
Minority Population - Public School Enrollment

Public School Enrollment
growth from 2000 to 2007:

Total: 62,384
Minority: 40,320



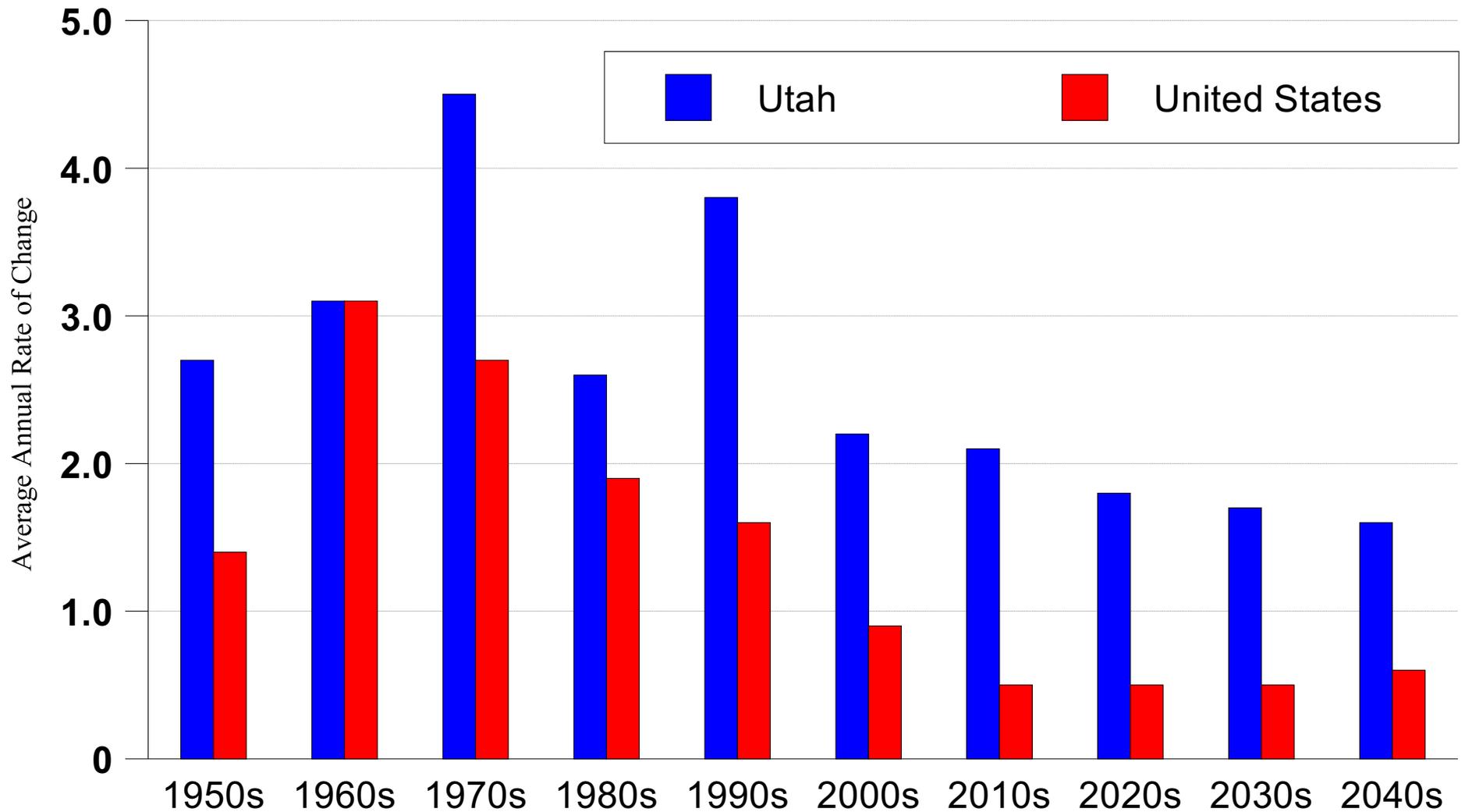
Share of Population 25 Years & Older With At Least High School Completion - By Minority Status Utah, 2000



Key Points

- Public school enrollments are going to increase rapidly for the next several years.
- School-age dependancy ratio increases slightly.
- Hispanic population of public schools is increasing rapidly.
- Hispanic educational attainment levels pose a challenge to the state.

Actual and Projected Nonagricultural Payroll Employment Growth Utah and the United States - 1950 to 2040



Key Point

- Utah's future is bright if:
 - ▶ We properly educate our fast growing workforce, especially our increasing minority population; and
 - ▶ Provide the infrastructure to allow our people and businesses to move around rapidly.